

PLAYS OF THE WEEK

**STRONG ATTRACTIONS TO BE SEEN
AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.**

COMEDY, ILLUSION, AND PATRIOTISM

**A Fine Cast Will Be Present—"A
Furitan Romance" To-Morrow-
Skillman, the New Magician-Gil-
lette's Greatest Play Coming.**

Man proposes, but all sorts of things crop up to upset his arrangements, and Manager Leath can bear ready testimony to this fact, for his original bookings for this week included "A Puritan Romance," "A Black Sheep," "Kismet," "Secret Service," and Bancroft the magician. The "Black Sheep" is, apparently, still sowing wild oats, and quite regardless of his appointment; the destiny of "Kismet" has attracted it into other paths, and poor Bancroft has joined the great majority.

"A Puritan Romance" will set the ball rolling to-morrow night; Skillman the



MISS ISABELLE EVESSON.
magician will be here on Tuesday and Wednesday, and "Secret Service" on Thursday and Friday.
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"A Puritan Romance," a new romantic comedy, will be presented on the stage of the Academy to-morrow evening, for the first time.
Isabelle Evesson and Estelle Clayton, the well-known actresses, are the joint stars of this attraction. They are sup-

rated by such well-known people as George Huntington, Imogene Eberle, Virgilia Buchanan, Augusta Durgin, Fannie Hunt, W. H. Elwood, W. R. Deltwyn, Myron Calice, C. W. Macdonald, and J. M. Martell. This piece treats of a subject which has not been worn threadbare—the Puritan in Salem in 1691—who has always been pictured with a long face, devoid of smiles. Miss Clayman is the author of the piece, and she has discovered that the Puritan had another side to his character to which a historian paid but little attention. If this she has made great use in the

struction of her play, and for the most part will present the Puritan with broad grin, and in most quaintly humorous situations. The scenic equipment, electric lighting effects, and costumes will be elaborate. A special feature is made for the incidental music

Be Careful Harry, you will hurt yourself.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the dates originally assigned to Bancroft the magician, whose sudden death occurred several weeks ago, Skillman, a new addition to the wizards, will appear at the

While Skillman does not claim to be a wonder, he does claim that his tricks and his feats are entirely new and sensational. His programme is interspersed with specialties by members of his company.

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After a conquest of New York, Boston,

London, Richmond theatre-goers are to see William Gillette's greatest play, "Secret Service," at the Academy of Music on Thursday and Friday, with a special matinee on the latter day. The play tells of the love of a daughter of a Confederate general and a member of the Union forces, which is thrilling and exciting. It has for its background

Incident of the civil war, when the Confederate forces were occupying Richmond and the Union forces were endeavoring to overthrow the city. Louis Mont, of the United States Secret Service, is in Richmond, disguised as a



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Confederate captain and is endeavoring to send a false message in order to weaken the Confederate forces. His sweetheart finds him out through the treachery of a rival and her love immediately turns to hate. The cloud finally disappears, however, and the lovers are more united. Numerous exciting incidents occur during the progress of

play, the most notable one being the voluntary shooting of a Union soldier, be

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from One of Virginia's Braniest
Men

Miss Helen Fitzwillson is visiting her friend, Miss Berkley Ellyson, in Dan-

Mrs. R. J. Price, of Vienna, Md., is visiting her mother, at 314 north Twenty-ninth street.

Misses Annie Kain and Minnie Dippner, who have been visiting in Bristow, have returned to the city.

Mr. J. H. Browder, of Greensboro', N. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. E. C. Sterne, at 604 west Cary street.

Miss Nina Randolph has returned from

Rev. W. H. Greener, of Bluefield, W. Va.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Samuel S. Snyder, of Petersburg, to Miss Indle C. Meyer, on October 14th, at 510

who has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Askew, has returned home, greatly pleased with her visit to this city.

Mrs. Jacob Lewit, of Clay street, who has been confined to her house for several

Miss Blanche Doughty, of north Twenty-fourth street, will leave the city Tuesday to spend two weeks in New Kent county, visiting friends and relatives.

Norfolk Driving Club's Fair and Races, Norfolk, Va., October 5th

Dr. John Hartman and Dr. Ernest M. Hardy have been offered and accepted positions as demonstrators in the Dental Firm and Laboratory of the Medical

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